

## NEWS

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Montgomery County Reports 28 New COVID-19 Cases and No Deaths, All County Testing Sites Closed on Friday, June 19 in Honor of Juneteenth Holiday

A Total Number of 7,892 Cases and 778 Deaths Have Been Reported

**Norristown, PA** (**June 17, 2020**) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported 28 additional individuals who tested positive for coronavirus and none who died of COVID-19 bringing the countywide total to 7,892 cases and 778 deaths. Six of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases result from antibody testing.

"County testing sites will be closed on Friday, June 19 in honor of the County Juneteenth holiday, but will re-open on Monday, June 22. Other COVID-19 testing sites available on the holiday and weekends can be found on the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at <a href="www.montcopa.org/COVID-19">www.montcopa.org/COVID-19</a>," said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. "Early detection and containment of any new outbreaks is still our focus, so the County has eliminated restrictions for testing so that anyone who needs or wants to be tested can be tested, whether or not they have symptoms. As the coronavirus continues to remain in our community, each of us must be personally responsible for our actions and work together to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County."

The 28 positive individuals are from 18 municipalities. Sixty-one municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today's reported cases follows:

Age Range: 4 - 87

Gender: 14 females, 14 males

Hospitalized: (1) No, (27) Unknown, (0) Yes

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Thursday, June 18, via a press briefing, which will be broadcast live on Montgomery County's Facebook page.

All County testing sites will be closed on Friday, June 19 for the County Juneteenth holiday, and Saturday and Sunday ongoing. Information on additional testing sites, many of which operate over the weekend, can be found at <a href="https://www.montcopa.org/COVID-19">www.montcopa.org/COVID-19</a> under the County Testing Information button.

Montgomery County's **drive-through COVID-19 testing** location on the Central Campus of Montgomery County Community College is open this week through Thursday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **by** 

**appointment only** for any individual who needs or wants to be tested and as testing supplies allow, weather permitting. **The testing site will be closed on Friday, June 19 for the County Juneteenth holiday, but will reopen on Monday, June 22.** No treatment will be given on-site. For more information, to find out if the site is open or closed for the day, and to register for an appointment, visit <a href="www.montcopa.org/COVID-19">www.montcopa.org/COVID-19</a> or call 610.631.3000, starting at 8 a.m.

**COVID-19** walk-up testing is available at the Delaware Valley Community Health Center – Norristown Regional Health Center, 1401 Dekalb Street, Norristown. Testing is available this week through Thursday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting, by appointment only and as testing supplies allow. **The testing site will be closed on Friday, June 19 for the County Juneteenth holiday, but will re-open on Monday, June 22.** Individuals who want to be tested can call 610.592.0680, starting at 8:30 a.m. or until all slots are filled plus a ten-person waitlist on the morning of the intended appointment. Spanish-speaking operators are available.

**COVID-19** walk-up testing is also available at the Montgomery County Office of Public Health Center, 364 King Street, Pottstown. Testing is available this week through Thursday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting, by appointment only and as testing supplies allow. The testing site will be closed on Friday, June 19 for the County Juneteenth holiday, but will re-open on Monday, June 22. Individuals who want to be tested can call 610.970.2937, starting at 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., or until all slots are filled on the morning of the intended appointment. Spanish-speaking operators and sign language interpreters are available.

COVID-19 contact tracing efforts are ongoing and are critical to slowing the spread of the disease. Individuals who have been tested or identified as a direct contact of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has received a call from the 'Results Center' may return the call to 610.278.5923 to find out their results or status. All information discussed on the call is strictly confidential and is only used to trace COVID-19 cases.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at www.montcopa.org/covid-19 to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.